

## Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., February 13, 1899

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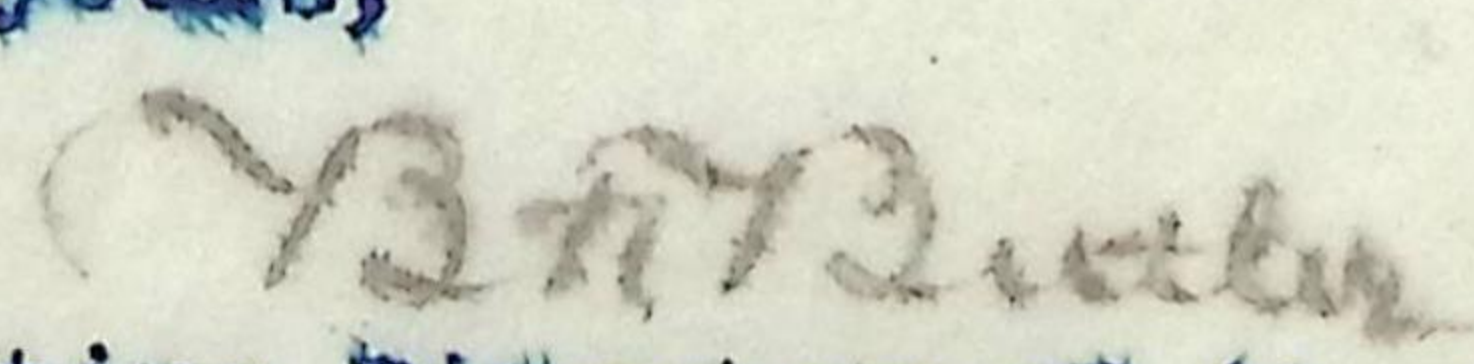
625 Langdon Street,

Madison, Wisconsin,

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Respectfully yours,

  
Acting Director of the Mint.

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[Signature] Benjamin F. Butler,  
Acting Director of the Mint.

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